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# News Release

## **Twice-deported man indicted for re-entry after burning U.S. flag**

CLEVELAND – A Mexican man with two prior convictions for illegally entering the United States was arraigned in federal court here Wednesday for illegal re-entry, the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Jose Barron-Marquez, 35, a citizen of Mexico, was apprehended by the New Philadelphia Police Department after stealing a U.S. flag and setting it on fire following a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Marquez provided the arresting officer a false identity, calling himself “Marco Polo.”

Marquez was taken into ICE custody July 11. Database checks revealed that he had two previous convictions for illegally entering the United States, in September 1994 and October 1999. Marquez was last deported from the U.S. in January 2000 after he was arrested in Texas for sexual assault.

“Anyone who believes they can violate the integrity of our borders with impunity should take notice,” said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations for Michigan and Ohio. “Re-entering the U.S. after deportation is a serious offense. ICE will continue to seek prosecution against those who commit such crimes.”

Marquez had his initial appearance July 17 before Magistrate Judge David S. Pearlman. Re-entering the United States is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Following deportation, there is an automatic 10-year bar from being able to re-enter the United States.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Ohio has accepted this case for prosecution. An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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